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## BLM Fire Restrictions Lifted in Southwest New Mexico

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is lifting all fire restrictions on public land managed by the Las Cruces Field Office as of today. This includes BLM managed lands in Hidalgo, Luna, Dona Ana, Sierra, Otero and Grant Counties. The restrictions began June 14.

"We appreciate everyone's efforts at following these guidelines and keeping our public land safe during this critical period," said Ed Roberson, BLM-Las Cruces Field Office Manager.

This order allows the use of petroleum-fueled devices and open fires. The BLM recreation areas, campgrounds and trails in these areas are open to visitors. Check online at <a href="www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire">www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire</a>, or call BLM-Las Cruces Fire Management Officer Steve Bumgarner for more information about fire conditions.

The BLM manages 13.4 million acres of public land in New Mexico and 47 million acres of federally owned mineral estate. BLM-Las Cruces is responsible for about 5.4 million of those acres. The agency manages public lands and resources to sustain their health, diversity and productivity for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

